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How did Winchester fare in the snowstorm?

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A lovely day in the woods following the Jan. 19-20 nor-easter, which dumped 4 1/2 inches of snow on Winchester. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/TARA HUGHES

Winter's first nor'easter of the season dumped anywhere from 3 to 6 inches across the state over the weekend. In Winchester, the snowfall m about 4 ½ inches.

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The snow starts falling in Winchester on Jan. 19. COURTESY PHOTO/SERGIO BELLOTTI

Department of Public Works Director Robert LaBossiere said DPW was prepped and ready for the overnight storm on Jan. 19, with sand[illegible] plows gassed and crews ready for the job of clearing Winchester's

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“Every storm is different,” LaBossiere said. “We had a lot of trouble with our equipment this time around, but we have great mechanics and they were able to get it fixed and back on the road.”

August Westner gets out the snowblower during the nor'easter clean up on Jan. 20. WINCHESTER NEWS-TRIBUNE PHOTO/JOYCE WESTNER

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LaBossiere said one of the issues was with a 5-year-old plow. He said the bolts holding the plow itself in place sheared off on one side, causing the crews to have to remove the plow and haul it back to the yard. That, he said, ate up time.

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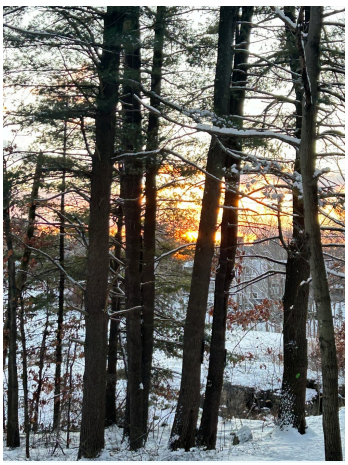
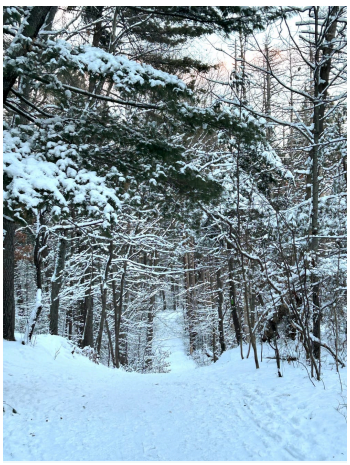
Additionally, LaBossiere said some of the sanders blew hydraulics lines. More work for mechanics, he added.

“The mechanics we’ve got are great,” he said. “The whole staff is great. The town is very lucky to have these guys. They do a [wonderful] job.”





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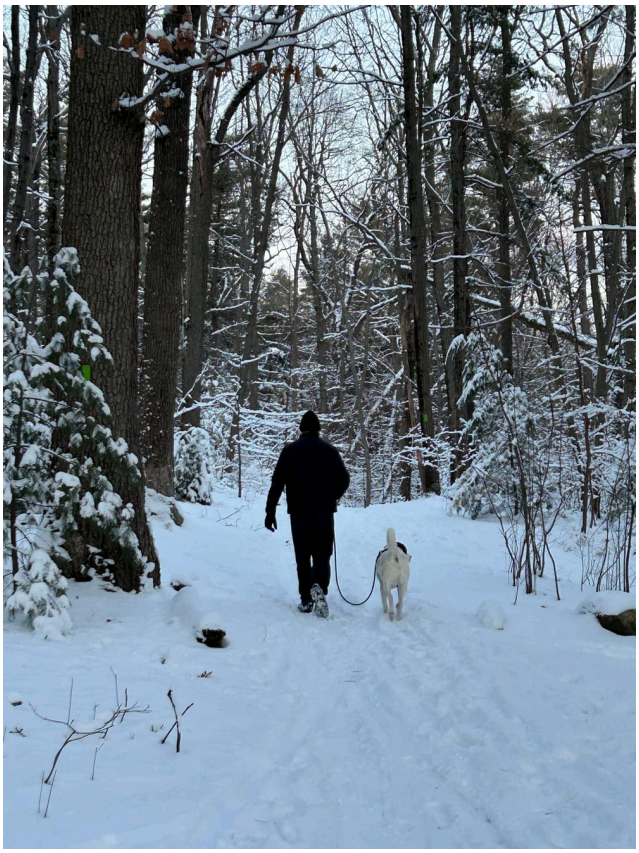

A day walking in the woods is peaceful, but snowy following a nor'easter. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTOS/TARA HUGHES

LaBossiere said the town was able to cover all 24 routes with staff, not having to call in additional contractors. He said equipment is also dedicated to schools.

School Committee Chair Karen Maruyama Bolognese was checking out the schools early Jan. 20, despite the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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School Committee Chair Karen Maruyama Bolognese grabs some photos with DPW and school custodians who were busy clearing off snow from the schools during the MLK holiday on Jan. 20. COURTESY PHOTOS/KAREN MARUYAMA BOLOGNESE

"All the school parking lots were already cleaned out, and the sidewalks on the school properties were all done!" she said. "I saw lots of DPW folks and school custodians outside at every school salting and working away to prepare them. The staff in town rock!"

A look at Winchester from above via drone after the nor'easter. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/FRANK SITEMAN

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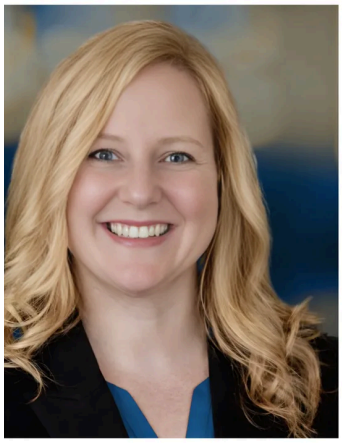

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FEATURES

‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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